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## **Will Libertarian Party candidates cost the GOP control of the Senate?**

WASHINGTON DC — They may cost the Republican Party control of the U.S. Senate and several governor's seats, but Libertarian Party candidates won't put the brakes on their energetic campaigns, said the Chairman of the Libertarian Party today.

"According to news reports from around the nation, Libertarian candidates could hold the balance of power in Senate races in Michigan and Pennsylvania, and in governor's races in Texas and California," said Steve Dasbach, head of America's third largest party.

"The GOP could lose those races — and possibly control of the Senate — because of Libertarians, but Republicans have only themselves to blame. The problem is that Republicans talk the talk, but they vote for compromise, higher taxes, gun control, and more bureaucracy," said Dasbach.

"In 1994, citizens who want to cast a principled vote for smaller government know they must vote Libertarian," he said.

Dasbach discounted that danger that Libertarians may help elect more big-government Democrats. "In the short run, we're going to have to defeat some Republicans so the GOP will take the Libertarian Party and our growing constituency more seriously. But maybe they need this kind of painful lesson. Maybe then they will start voting for smaller government, instead of just talking about it."

Libertarian candidates are also expected to have an impact on governor's races in New York, Oregon, Minnesota, Illinois, and Arizona.

There are 662 Libertarian candidates for office in 45 states, including 89 candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, 17 candidates for the U.S. Senate, and 18 candidates for governor. Libertarian candidates at the federal, state, or local level will be on the ballot for 65% of American voters — more than three times as many as any other third party.

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